

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION  
PARTNERS, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

Case No. 4:21-cv-07360-HSG

**JOINT STIPULATION BETWEEN  
PLAINTIFFS AND FEDERAL  
DEFENDANTS TO STAY BRIEFING ON  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS;  
ORDER**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 6-2, Plaintiffs Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, et al., and Defendants U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its Administrator, Michael S. Regan, (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate to a stay of briefing on Plaintiffs' motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs for sixty days, such that Federal Defendants' opposition brief is due September 26, 2022. The Parties request this stay to facilitate settlement discussions regarding Plaintiffs' pending motion. Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants therefore stipulate as follows:

1. Concurrently with this stipulation, Plaintiffs are filing a motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs. Plaintiffs' motion will be supplemented as appropriate to account for any future litigation in this case concerning Plaintiffs' claim for attorneys' fees and costs. *See United States v. Hristov*, 396 F.3d 1044, 1047 (9th Cir. 2005) (affirming that timely motion for attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act may be later amended "as long as doing so would not prejudice the government").

2. Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants agree that briefing and argument on Plaintiffs' claim for fees and costs may be unnecessary in light of the Parties' intent to explore the possibility of settling that claim.

1           3.       Accordingly, the Parties agree that further proceedings on Plaintiffs' motion for  
2 an award of fees and costs, including the filing of memoranda and evidentiary and other  
3 materials supporting the motion, should be deferred for sixty days.

4           4.       Plaintiffs are filing their motion for attorneys' fees and costs concurrently with the  
5 filing of this joint stipulation. Local Civil Rule 7-3(a) provides that Federal Defendants'  
6 opposition brief is due fourteen days after the filing of Plaintiffs' motion, or July 28, 2022. A  
7 sixty-day stay will postpone Federal Defendants' opposition brief deadline until September 26,  
8 2022. Local Civil Rule 7-3(c) provides that Plaintiffs' reply brief is due seven days after Federal  
9 Defendants' opposition brief is due, or August 4, 2022. A sixty-day stay will postpone  
10 Plaintiffs' reply brief deadline until October 3, 2022.

11          5.       There have been no previous time modifications to this briefing schedule.

12          6.       Notwithstanding these deadlines, the Parties will either jointly propose a briefing  
13 schedule to address Plaintiffs' motion for fees and costs or otherwise apprise this Court of the  
14 status of Plaintiffs' motion and any request for action by this Court by September 12, 2022.

15          7.       By joining this stipulation, Federal Defendants do not concede Plaintiffs'  
16 entitlement to attorneys' fees or costs and do not waive any defense to Plaintiffs' claim for fees  
17 and costs.

18               Based on the joint stipulation set forth above, the parties respectfully request that this  
19 Court stay briefing on Plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees and costs for sixty days. Pursuant to  
20 Local Civil Rules 6-2(a) and 7-12, a proposed order accompanies this stipulation. Pursuant to  
21 Local Civil Rule 5-1(h)(3), undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs attests that the other signatories  
22 listed below concur in the filing of this document.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of July, 2022,

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**PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: 7/15/2022

  
HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
United States District Judge